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RE: MUR 6518
Newt Gingrich
Callista Gingrich
Newt 2012, Inc. and Lisa Lisker in her
official capacity as treasurer
Gingrich Productions, Inc.

Dear Mr. Bookbinder:

This is in reference to the complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on December 21, 2011 concerning Newt Gingrich, Callista Gingrich, Newt 2012, Inc. and Lisa Lisker in her official capacity as treasurer, and Gingrich Productions, Inc.

On June 16, 2015, the Commission considered the complaint but there was an insufficient number of votes to find reason to believe that: (1) Gingrich Productions, Inc. and Callista Gingrich in her capacity as an officer of Gingrich Productions, Inc. violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(a) and (e) by making in-kind corporate contributions to Newt 2012, Inc. by paying for costs associated with campaign-related events; (2) Newt 2012, Inc. and Lisa Lisker in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(d) by knowingly accepting in-kind corporate contributions from Gingrich Productions, Inc. through campaign-related events; (3) Newt 2012, Inc. and Lisa Lisker in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1 by providing services benefitting Gingrich Productions, Inc.; (4) Newt Gingrich violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1 by using campaign funds to benefit Gingrich Productions, Inc.; (5) Newt 2012, Inc. and Lisa Lisker in her official capacity as treasurer violated 53 U.S.C. § 30114(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1 through the use of Newt 2012, Inc.'s website to promote Gingrich Productions, Inc. products; (6) Newt Gingrich violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1 through the use of Newt 2012, Inc.'s website to promote Gingrich Productions, Inc. products; and (7)

Newt 2012, Inc. and Lisa Lisker in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104 and 11 C.F.R. § 104.9.

There also was an insufficient number of votes to dismiss the allegations that: (1) Gingrich Productions, Inc., Newt Gingrich, and Callista Gingrich violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(a) and (f) by authorizing the transfer of a mailing list owned by Gingrich Productions, Inc. to Newt 2012, Inc. for the purpose of soliciting contributions, or by authorizing the use of corporate funds to pay for collecting addresses at book signing events for the purpose of soliciting contributions; (2) Newt 2012, Inc. and Lisa Lisker in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(d) by accepting a mailing list owned by Gingrich Productions, Inc. for the purpose of soliciting contributions; (3) Newt 2012, Inc. and Lisa Lisker in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1 by paying campaign funds to Newt Gingrich for a mailing list owned by Gingrich Productions, Inc.; and (4) Newt Gingrich violated 52 U.S.C. § 30114(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1 by accepting campaign funds for a mailing list owned by Gingrich Productions, Inc.

On the same date, the Commission voted to refer the alleged violations by Newt 2012, Inc. and Lisa Lisker in her official capacity as treasurer relating to 52 U.S.C. § 30104 and 11 C.F.R. § 104.9 to the Office of Alternative Dispute Resolution.

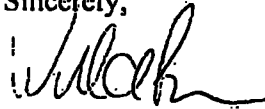
On March 2, 2016, the Commission voted to close the file. A Statement of Reasons providing the basis for the Commission's decision will follow.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003); Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



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